**PATENT** 450108-02750.1 **FUNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE** Kiyokazu KOBAYASHI Applicat Serial No 10/612,440 METHOD OF JOINING STEEL MEMBERS, METHOD OF PROCESSING JOINED SURFACE For OF STEEL MEMBER AND REINFORCING MEMBER July 2, 2003 Filed Lynne R. Edmondson Examiner 1725 Art Unit 745 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10151 Tel: 212-588-0800 Mail Stop RCE **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below. This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply. Claims as Amended (6)  $\overline{(7)}$ (5) (4) (2)(3)(1)Additional Highest Present extra Rate Claims remaining after Fee amendment number previously paid for = \$0\*\* =20 \* 0 x \$50 (25) Minus 9 Total claims =\$0 \*\*\*=15 \* 0 x \$200 (100) 5 Minus Independent claims \$0 Total additional fee for this amendment If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5. If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space. If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space. This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid [], or is paid herewith . This response is being filed within the three months following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a three month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$510.00 is attached, which covers the cost of 
☐ additional claims 
☐ petition for extension of \_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320. ☐ Charge \$\_ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320. MER LAWRENCE & HAUG, LLP EXPRESS MAIL pr Ap**b**licant(s) Attor Mailing Label Number: EV746685646US June 23, 2006 Date of Deposit: I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated By: Paul A. Levy above and is addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents,

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